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Best NYE bashes in the city

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Resolve to ring in the new year right at one of the many shindigs going down on Dec. 31

Can't make it to Cuba for New Year's Eve? Well, the Canadian War Museum has the next best thing in store for partygoers looking for a Latin-style end-of-the-year bash in Ottawa. Guests can dine on Cuban hors d'oeuvres and sip cocktails while listening to live music from DJ Ray Ray. There will also be a silent auction in support of Make-A-Wish Foundation, a dessert bar at midnight, and a chance for guests to win a trip to Cuba. The event is 19+ and tickets are \$85.

If a Scottish-style bash is more your thing, the Scottish Society of Ottawa will host the TD Hogmanay at TD Place, including entertainment from Scots-Canadian rock legends, Glass Tiger. The party will be inside Aberdeen Pavilion where there will be an indoor ceilidh, Scottish dancing and music, the Glengarry Pipe Band, skating on the ice rink adjacent to the pavilion and fireworks at midnight, and of course, Scotch tasting. The event starts at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. there will be a countdown to mark the new year in Scotland.

For the outdoorsy types, Sparks Street is hosting another edition of their free New Year's Eve party and have invited Canadian Country Music Award-winning artist, Tim Hicks, Autumns Cannon!, and DJ 8barz to please the crowd. After the Maple Leaf drop at midnight on Sparks Street just west of Metcalfe,



Go ahead, wear your sunglasses at night on New Year's Eve if you want to. ISTOCK

Holiday schedules

What's open and closed:

- **Garbage.** There is no garbage, green bin, or recycling pickup on Jan. 1.
- **City.** City hall and all seven client service centres will be closed on New Year's Day. The city's provincial offences court will be closed on New Year's Day.
- **OC Transpo.** OC Transpo will operate on a reduced schedule through Jan. 3. On

New Year's Day, buses will operate on a Sunday schedule. On Dec. 29-31, 2014 and Jan. 2, 2015 buses will operate on a reduced weekday schedule. Free service will be available on OC Transpo and Para Transpo buses after 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

- **Libraries.** All branches of the Ottawa Public Library

will be closed on Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Most branches will be closed on New Year's Eve. Check the OPL website for complete details.

- **Skating.** The Sens Rink of Dreams at city hall will be operating on the following holiday schedule: Boxing Day from noon to 11 p.m. New Year's Eve from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. New

Year's Day from noon to 11 p.m.

- **Recreation facilities.** Most recreation facilities are closed during the holidays. Public swimming, public skating, and fitness classes are cancelled on New Year's Day, except for the Rink of Dreams.
- **Shopping.** The Rideau Centre will be open from Dec. 26-31. The mall will be closed on Jan. 1.

there will be a fireworks display.

The EY Centre is hosting The Mad Hatter's NYE Ball and is calling on all guests to wear the appropriate Alice

in Wonderland attire — mad hats, fascinators, bows, ribbons, pocket watches, colourful blazers, and more. The party starts at 8 p.m. and is a 21+ event.

Can't wait for Mardi Gras? Fat Tuesday's will whet your appetite for a "N'Awlins" style New Year's Eve masquerade party with the duelling piano stars, Tyler Kealey and Dave

Kalil starting at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$15. Oysters, beads, and champagne will be served up as patrons prepare for the midnight countdown at 62 York St. **METRO**

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Student fights campus rape culture

Anne-Marie Roy.
An explicit Facebook conversation thrust her into the spotlight



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Student union leader Anne-Marie Roy did not expect to become a spokeswoman on the issue of rape culture or an advocate against what she calls pervasive sexism on campus. But after she discovered she was the subject of an explicit Facebook conversation last February, she felt she needed to speak out despite legal threats.

"I always identified as a feminist, but my forte was talking about tuition fees and why the University of Ottawa shouldn't increase tuition fees — it wasn't talking about rape culture, sexism and misogyny the way I talked about it last March," said the president of the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa.

Soon after that conversation was emailed to her

anonymously, allegations of sexual assault against players for the Gee-Gees men's hockey team also surfaced. It was a tense month on campus. Suddenly Roy found her typical five-minute media interviews turning into hour-long discussions on rape culture.

"I don't think I realized or fully understood how big of a deal it was for a lot of people," said the 25-year-old. "But I also think, on an individual level, I learned a lot about myself and about my own feminism and my own politics."

There has been progress following these discussions on rape culture, but Roy said it's an "ongoing battle." Sexism is still apparent on campus — from unwanted touching at the student bar to victim blaming and overheard rape jokes — she said.

Since the incidents last March, Roy has been working on new mandatory rape culture training for elected student leaders. She also wants to see a mandatory gender studies course for all students. It's an idea she pitched to the school's new task force on respect and



Anne-Marie Roy, president of the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa, says sexism on campus is a problem.
LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

equality on campus. A report is due in January.

It's a lot of work to tackle in her last semester

as president. But for her, an end to rape culture starts

Quoted

"On an individual level, I learned a lot about myself and about my own feminism and my own politics."

University of Ottawa Student Federation president Anne-Marie Roy

with education. She helped start the conversation and she wants to keep it going.

While seated on the beige couch in her office at the University of Ottawa, Roy can take a bit of a breather now that she's past that tense March and just finished the final exam of her communication and French literature degree. After next semester, she will become the national deputy chairperson for the Canadian Federation of Students, with her long-term sights set on grassroots activism.

But first, she will head home to Welland, Ont., and Victoriaville, Que., to visit family for the holidays.

"I'm really excited to see my grandmother, who's also a feminist," she said.

OTTAWA 2015: 3 MORE TOP INFLUENCERS

Angelique Francis

She has already wowed audiences in some of the biggest venues across North America, but 2015 is likely going to be a big year for Ottawa singing sensation Angelique Francis.

At 13 years old, Francis was named one of three top emerging Canadian female artists from Ottawa Bluesfest's She's The One competition in 2011. In the same year, Francis made her American national TV debut by video appearance on the Gayle King Show.

Now the 17-year-old, who sings and plays guitar, drums and many other instruments, is reaching for the stars.

"We have a lot of performances lined up already," said Francis. Two shows will be at the Toronto



Blues Summit this January and another show is set for the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, where she will represent Canada's youth.

Francis is also performing at the Aurora Winter Blues Festival in February and a New Year's Eve bash at Nepean City Hall. And she is planning to drop an EP some time in 2015, with a single to be released in January.

TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Imtiaz Ahmed

Imtiaz Ahmed, 32, took a bold step on Nov. 18 when he helped launch a nationwide campaign to prevent youth radicalization from becoming a crisis in Canada.

In the aftermath of the two attacks on Canadian soldiers in October, Ahmed, of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Ottawa branch, said he felt compelled to act so he spearheaded the local chapter of STOPTHECRISIS and is giving talks to local universities.

"I cannot sit at home idle when my religion is being used as a tool and when my religion is being hijacked by these terrorist ideologies," he told Metro earlier this month.

"I felt compelled to go out in the public and talk about this."



Ahmed spoke to students at the University of Ottawa in November about how to recognize signs of radicalization and how the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant's (ISIL, also known as ISIS) actions are against Islamic teachings. He is scheduled to give another presentation at Carleton University on Jan. 28.

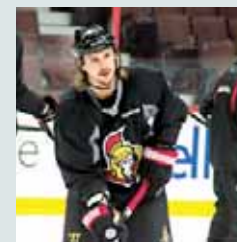
Local MPs and senators have recently met with him to discuss youth radicalization, he said. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Erik Karlsson

At 24, Erik Karlsson is following in the skate strides of the beloved Daniel Alfredsson and the traded-away, not-so-loved Jason Spezza.

The 2012 Norris trophy winner battled back last year from a devastating Achilles tendon injury that came from the skate of Pittsburgh's Matt Cooke and now finds himself in a different sort of a struggle as his team battles to clamp down on turnovers and, with the help of new head coach Dave Cameron, turn themselves into a team that can make the playoffs.

The Sens' star defenceman, for his part, doesn't seem to be a fan of prognostications or getting too far ahead of himself.



Karlsson told Metro the team isn't looking ahead to the new year yet, but is focusing on each day that comes by.

He said it's important for the team to "stay in the present."

"We don't really worry about what we have to do tomorrow," said Karlsson.

"We can't really look behind or look too far ahead. We just want to win games."

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OTTAWA 2015: MUSIC

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Stars like Taylor Swift and Neil Diamond to play our city next year



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It will be a good year for Ottawa music-heads in 2015 with the likes of Canadian icon Bryan Adams, country superstar turned pop sensation Taylor Swift and Tom Cochrane coming to wow audiences in the nation's capital.

Bryan Adams fans can relive the legendary Summer of '69 when the Canadian icon hits the stage at Canadian Tire Centre Feb. 20. Adams will be playing hits from the 1984 classic Reckless as he celebrates the 30th anniversary of

his most successful album, which sold more than 12 million copies worldwide. Tickets are between \$19 and \$95.

Those who can't get enough of Taylor Swift's Shake It Off can catch the young music sensation at the Canadian Tire Centre July 6 — I wonder if former Senators coach Paul MacLean will be at the show.

And good times never seemed so good when Neil Diamond is in the house. The folk pop singer brings songs from his new album Melody Road, as well as many classic favourites — you can expect to sing along to Sweet Caroline. Tickets range between \$65 and \$150.

Over at the NAC, music lovers can catch Jill Barber on March 7, Tom Cochrane a week later on March 14 and Stars and Hey Rosetta! Feb. 7. The NAC is also put-

ting on a Daniel Lanois show and a Steven Page concert.


For those into something a bit harder, Toronto punkers Death From Above 1979 hit the Bronson Centre with their dirty, thrashy indie sound Jan. 31.

Glam rockers who are stuck in the '80s shouldn't cut their long greasy hair just yet, because Def Leopard is coming to Ottawa's TD Place arena May 4 and they are bringing with them hits like Pour Some Sugar on Me, and Photograph.


And, of course, Nickelback fans (is that an oxymoron?) have likely already got their tickets to the Feb. 17 show, as the boys from Hanna, Alta., are heading to the Canadian Tire Centre with their new album Fixed Address, which probably sounds identical to their other seven studio albums. Tickets are between \$25 and \$95.



Pop superstar Taylor Swift is coming to the Canadian Tire Centre on July 6. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE




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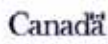
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CANADA 2015: COURT

5 high profile cases to watch

We saw a lot of big names land in court this year, which means there will be a lot of courtroom drama to watch in 2015. These are some of the major criminal cases to keep an eye on, according to Canadian defence lawyer Daniel Brown.



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Sandro Lisi

Former Toronto mayor Rob Ford's friend and driver Alexander "Sandro" Lisi is expected to go on trial for charges of extortion, as well as trafficking in marijuana, possession of the proceeds of crime, possession of marijuana and conspiracy to commit an indictable offence.

Lisi is accused of extorting Liban Siyad and Mohamed Siad in attempts to get the first Ford crack video.



Jian Ghomeshi

The case against former Q radio host Jian Ghomeshi will make its way through the court system and may go to trial in 2015, said Brown. Ghomeshi is charged with four counts of sexual assault and one count of "overcome resistance, choking" involving three victims. Details of the case will be made public in 2015, but the identities of two of the women accusing him of sexual assault will remain covered by a publication ban.



James Forcillo

James Forcillo is charged with second-degree murder and attempted murder in the July 2013 Toronto streetcar shooting death of Sammy Yatim.

His trial will be a rare one — a police officer charged with murder.

Yatim, 18, was allegedly holding a knife on an empty Dundas West streetcar when he was shot eight times.



Dellen Millard

Dellen Millard faces three counts of first-degree murder, including one for the death of Tim Bosma.

Bosma went missing after leaving his Ancaster, Ont., home to take a truck he was selling on a test drive. His burned remains were later found on Millard's farm. Mark Smich is also charged in that homicide.

Millard is also charged with first-degree murder in the death of his father and the death of Laura Babcock.



Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber, accused of dangerous driving and assaulting a member of the paparazzi, could face a trial in Stratford, Ont., Brown said.

Bieber himself has not made a court appearance in the case, disappointing the Beliebers who have been on hand to catch a glimpse.

"If his case goes to trial, we can expect him there," said Brown.

CANADA 2015: QUEBEC POLITICS

Media mogul poised lead PQ Party

Quebec media mogul Pierre Karl Péladeau's journey to become the father of a country begins in earnest in 2015.

The controlling shareholder of Québecor is the acknowledged front-runner in the Parti Québécois leadership race, which will end in May.

However, the next provincial election won't be held until September 2018.

So if Péladeau does replace Pauline Marois as PQ leader,

he will have three years to be successful in his seemingly simple but daunting plan: to revive a moribund sovereignty movement.

One possible negative in his becoming leader is that Quebecers will be getting a much closer look at a relative political neophyte unaccustomed to the cut and thrust of public life.

Péladeau, whose Québecor is one of the main players in

the province's cable, Internet, cellphone and media markets, says his primary goal in entering politics is to make Canada's second most populous province a country. Asked on Nov. 27, when he officially declared his leadership campaign, what his main theme would be, he replied without hesitation: "Sovereignty."

Although Quebecers' support for independence continues to stubbornly stick

around 35 per cent, the next few years present Péladeau an opportunity to make an economic case for the province to go on its own.

The brunt of sweeping Liberal government cuts to programs across the board should be felt in 2015, leaving Péladeau in the politically enviable position of critiquing while being free of making the tough decisions.

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Pierre Karl Péladeau, the majority shareholder in Québecor media company, wants Quebec to be its own country. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS/FILE



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WHO WE SAID GOODBYE TO IN 2014

A list of some of the newsmakers who passed away this year.

Farley Mowat, 92

Master storyteller and tireless defender of nature and wildlife. He penned some 40 books, including *Never Cry Wolf* and *The Boat Who Wouldn't Float*. May 7.

Robin Williams, 63

Academy Award winner and comic supernova whose explosions of pop culture riffs and impressions dazzled audiences for decades. Aug. 11.



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Rubin (Hurricane) Carter, 76

Boxer whose wrongful murder conviction became an international symbol of racial injustice. April 20.

Mavis Gallant, 91

Montreal-born writer who carved out an international reputation as a master short-story author while living in Paris for decades. Feb. 18.



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Maya Angelou, 86

Author and poet who rose from poverty, segregation and violence to become a force on stage, screen and the printed page. May 28.



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Pat Quinn, 71

Former NHL player, longtime coach and executive. He coached for the Philadelphia Flyers, Los Angeles Kings, Vancouver Canucks, Toronto Maple Leafs, and Edmonton Oilers, reaching the Stanley Cup Finals twice. Nov. 23.

Jim Flaherty, 64

The former Canadian finance minister was a fixture on the world financial stage who stepped down in March to return to the private sector. He was credited with helping get Canada back on track to a balanced budget following the 2008 financial crisis. April 10.



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Joan Rivers, 81

Raucous, acid-tongued comedian who crashed the male-dominated realm of late-night talk shows and turned Hollywood red carpets into danger zones for badly dressed celebrities. Sept. 4.

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A TRICKY BUSINESS

No one ever said resolutions were easy, especially for city council

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How are the New Year's resolutions? Have you got one, or one too many? Do you still make them?

I've stuck to resolutions in years past, sometimes keeping them, sometimes not coming close. I gave up on perfection some time ago, but not on the hope for slight improvements here and there.

I also have my doubts that New Year's Day is the ideal time to suddenly start being more excellent. It's a tidy, symbolic moment at which to turn over a new leaf — new year, new you, sure, I get it — but it also tends to be a cold, dark, enervating one.

Is it really a good idea to chart a bold new course in life when just getting out the door involves a wrestling match with the boots and heavy coat in order to gird against weather that's making no bones about trying to kill you?

Resolutions, of course, are what deliberative bodies like city council are all about, and before they headed out for the holidays, our new one voted to keep tax increases capped at two per cent for the coming year.

The goal comes with a bit of an asterisk, of course, as sewer and water rates will shoot up in excess of that, and many homeowners are facing hikes in their property assessments, but it's still a firm commitment of the sort that council's done well keeping under Mayor Jim Watson.



Resolutions are the name of the game for politicians at all levels of government. METRO FILE

The American Psychological Association (APA) offers some tips for keeping resolutions:

Start small: It's best to keep the goals manageable. You're more likely to be able

to start going to the gym two or three nights a week than go from zero to daily. Instead of trying to drop 100 pounds, why not try 10?

Council has floundered on this point

before, notably with then-Mayor Larry O'Brien's ambitious "zero means zero" tax freeze, which resulted in some significant increases as budget pressures mounted.

The current council is building on a 2.5 per cent benchmark set in the last term, which was gradually tightened budget after budget, in what I imagine is an APA-approved process.

Talk about it: This not only means telling your family and friends what you're up to (presumably creating a little pressure on yourself to deliver), but also possibly finding others who are trying to pull off the same feat of self-improvement you are, whether a gym buddy or someone else who's trying to quit smoking.

The mayor has little trouble in the talking department.

Last term's 2.5 per cent cap and this year's two per cent were centrepieces of his election campaigns. He's not shy about bringing up the progressively smaller tax increases of last term.

Conversely, the council vote on the tax cap was rushed. Some councillors wanted to discuss their priorities for the term before committing, but Watson insisted that the cap had to be settled first to assure the timely issuance of tax bills. I have to assign mixed marks on this one — top-notch promotion, middling debate.

If you're still making your own resolutions, the rest of the APA's advice is at apa.org/helpcenter/resolution.aspx.

Whether you resolve or not, all the best in 2015.

New Year's resolutions for newsmakers *as imagined by Rebecca Kohler*REBECCA
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People who participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge: This year, we resolve to donate to charity without being tagged by a friend on Facebook. And this year, we will actually donate money, not just a video of ourselves in that cute bikini we bought in Vegas.

Don't tell anyone, but we didn't even put ice in the water. In fact we warmed it up and put lavender bath salts in it. We pretended it was cold, but it was actually really soothing.



Jian Ghomeshi: This year, I resolve to start

a really cool radio show about arts and culture. My only guest will be my mom and we'll broadcast from my childhood bedroom. If need be, I will relocate my studio to the Millhaven Institution.

Apple: Last year we released the iPhone 6, but that's old news — let's face it, it was old news five minutes after you bought it. (Sucker.)

This year, we resolve to launch the iPhone 10 — we'll release the 7, 8 and 9 quickly throughout the year but their batteries will only last for two months and we'll make sure their screens smash faster than Humpty Dumpty's skull.

The iPhone 10 will be nicknamed the



iPhone Large and will be the size of an iPad Mini but so thin you won't be able to see it. It will come with an app that eats money and can be purchased on layaway with your first-born child as down payment.

Ebola: In 2015, I resolve to do more traveling. I hear Iceland is gorgeous!

Renée Zellweger: In 2015, I resolve to not change my face. I won't get Botox, or chemical peels (maybe one) and I will love myself for who I am.

It's hard because the film industry makes me feel bad about myself, so I changed my face, but then they all made



fun of me so it's like, "What?!"

No, but seriously, I'll just stick to moisturizer and maybe some Retin-A but no fillers. I mean, who am I, Meg Ryan?

Malala Yousafzai: I am honoured to have won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014. I resolve this year to continue being one of the most inspirational people on the planet.

Perhaps in 2015 I will try improving the world further by posting a no-makeup selfie. I can only hope to be so brave.

Justin Bieber: 2015: Girls, peeing, mop-buckets, eggs, depositions, yo. Peace.





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SCENE 2015: BACK TO THE FUTURE

Marty!! Are we any closer to trying your hoverboard?

Back to the Future 2 year is nigh. 2015 will bring us into the movie's future minus the DeLorean so let's do some comparisons



NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

It's time, everybody. We're finally reaching 2015, the future presented in the 1989 sequel *Back to the Future II* that was full of auto-drying jackets, freeze-dried pizza and hoverboards. So now is about as good a time as any to take stock and see how we're doing with the technological advancements predicted in the film.

Hoverboards

It looked like we almost had this a year ago, but it turned out to be a Funny or Die hoax that Tony Hawk was in on. He's back again saying for real he's really tried one out, but we're finding it hard to trust again. Besides, if Segways never really took off, what hope do hoverboards have?

Flying cars

Possibly the biggest gripe people today have about the future we were all promised. Way to continue that wave of



I think we would all like Marty's hoverboard to arrive sooner than later. HANDOUT

disappointment, *Back to the Future II*.

Food hydrators

Still not sure exactly how this technology is supposed to rejuvenate and enlarge a hockey puck-sized frozen pizza, but that's beside the point. The film apparently predicted that Black & Decker would still be the reigning kitchen gadget company of the future. Boy, were they wrong.

Giant in-wall video conferencing

In the film, they basically combine giant home flat-screen TVs and Skype. They even had the foresight to predict the massive, industry-wide aspect ratio change to widescreen.

Nike Air Mags

Nike actually released a replica version of these totally boss high-tops in 2011, but they weren't actually self-lacing, so really what's the point? We're stilling bending

down to tie our shoes like our parents and grandparents.

Flying automated news cameras

This one's not that far off, actually, given the rise of consumer-level remote-control drones and GoPro cameras. So good work, movie.

Double neckties

Thank God these never caught on. The less said about this bizarre fashion choice, the better.

Tiring online pranksters

What gives, Internet?

For several years running, online pranksters have been following a bizarre pattern of behaviour: Taking the image of Doc Brown's upgraded DeLorean dashboard from *Back to the Future II*, modifying it to show a different date and posting it online with the breathless caption, "Today is the day Marty McFly travelled in time to in the future!"

Only it's not. That day is Oct. 21, 2015. But that hasn't stopped countless Photoshop-happy fiends from misleading people on Twitter and Facebook, starting in 2010. It happens on a surprisingly regular basis, and the coming year will likely only see more of such antics.

The question remains, though: What's the point? There's really nothing to gain from duping people with this gag, and it gets disproved quicker and quicker each time. Yet still it persists. Our only guess is the reward is the pure, immature joy of manipulating others' gullibility and willingness to retweet things.

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What the stars hold for you

Aries (March 21 to April 20)

You are rarely slow to assert yourself, either in your personal life or in your career, and the solar eclipse on March 20 and the lunar eclipse on Sept. 28 suggest you will be even more active and ambitious than usual this year. But don't forget that even an ultra-competitive Aries needs to recharge their batteries once in a while. Jupiter's move into the well-being area of your chart on Aug. 11 will encourage you to take up some sort of relaxation or meditation technique. You will need it!

Taurus (April 21 to May 21)

Is there something you have neglected to do? More to the point, is there someone you still need to resolve certain issues with? According to the planets there is, and 2015 is the year to sort it out. Saturn's return to the relationship area of your chart in June will encourage you to do it. Jupiter in your fellow Earth sign of Virgo from Aug. 11 promises great things creatively and romantically, but only if you do something about those emotional loose ends. The final four months of the year should be truly spectacular.

Gemini (May 22 to June 21)

Venus and Mars, the relationship planets, join the sun in the most adventurous area of your chart on Feb. 20, so if you are in the market for love you won't have to wait long to find it. Existing relationships will improve as well, especially if you make an effort to spice things up. Saturn in your opposite sign will bring challenges, especially in the closing months of 2015, but it will also bring opportunities to forge long-term alliances with serious people who balance your own carefree attitude.

Cancer (June 22 to July 23)

Saturn in the well-being area of your chart means you need to pay more attention to your health — physical, mental and emotional. That may not sound like a lot of fun, but don't worry because with Jupiter moving into one of the more outgoing areas of your chart in August, the second half of the year will bring plenty of social opportunities. What happens around the time of the solar eclipse on Sept. 13 will remind you that it can be just as much fun to travel as to arrive.

Leo (July 24 to Aug. 23)

A family matter you thought had been amicably resolved will return to vex you this year — especially after Saturn moves back into the domestic area of your chart in June. This time there can be no half-measures — stamp your authority on the situation and insist that everyone follow your lead. You are nobody's fool, and anyone who thinks they can manipulate your emotions is in for a rude awakening. Treat yourself to a vacation around the time of the lunar eclipse on Sept. 28 — you will have earned it.

Virgo (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23)

The big news this year is the entry of Jupiter into your sign in August. Jupiter improves your lot on every level, but more importantly it widens your outlook on life, enabling you to see connections and possibilities where previously you could see only stumbling blocks and confusion. Mars in sympathetic Taurus from March 31 to May 12 is also an omen of bigger and better things to come, so start making plans and don't let the past limit you. Think of 2015 as a new beginning.

Libra (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23)

Venus, your ruler, teams up with Mars in late February to create the perfect conditions for love. If there is someone you want to get close to romantically, don't wait for them to make the first move — spell it out and let them know you think the two of you would make the perfect couple. Career-wise, July is the best month to let employers and senior colleagues know you want a better deal. Make your demands when Mars links with Mercury on July 16 — it's unlikely they will refuse you.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 to Nov. 22)

You have so many big ideas but you don't seem to be doing much with them. Why is that? Most likely it has to do with the influence of Neptune in the most creative area of your chart. Neptune is the planet of imagination but also indecision, so you tend to chop and change for no good reason. Happily, the influence of go-getting Mars will help you to decide what to focus on in 2015. Set your sights high, but more importantly don't change tack halfway through the year. Whatever you start, see it through to the end.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21)

Mars in the domestic area of your chart from mid-January to mid-February will help you get your home life in order, and it's important that you do so because later in the year your focus will be on more worldly matters — you certainly won't have time for family dramas. Jupiter spotlights career issues from Aug. 11 onward and it's quite possible that you will change jobs or even go back to school and study for a completely different line of work. It's never too late to move in a new direction.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

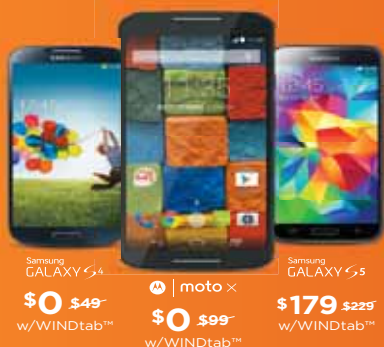
Capricorn may be cautious by nature but it is also a cardinal sign, and that means you always work toward a long-term goal. What happens between the solar eclipse on March 20 and the lunar eclipse on April 4 will bring into focus how successful you have been in turning your ambitions into concrete achievements, and you may well decide on a top-to-bottom relaunch of your life. The bigger you think and act this year, the more you will accomplish.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

When your ruler Uranus squares up to power planet Pluto in mid-March, you will be thrust into a situation that demands a decisive response. If someone has been taking advantage of your trusting nature, you must deal with them ruthlessly so everyone knows you are not a soft touch. The rest of 2015 will be plain sailing and come November, when Mars moves into the most adventurous area of your chart, you may even be sailing for distant shores.

Pisces (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)

Your self-assurance will increase this year — especially around the time of the solar eclipse on March 20, which only just falls in your birth sign but will still do wonders for your confidence. And that's good because a lot of people will be depending on you. The year's other solar eclipse on Sept. 13 suggests you will be called on to fill a leadership role, one in which you can use your intuition and compassion to bring together people who might otherwise waste time in needless competition.



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SCENE 2015: MOVIES

5 Films not to be missed



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1 Jupiter Ascending.

Feb. 6

It's encouraging to know that after not nearly enough people gave Cloud Atlas a shot, Larry and Lana Wachowski aren't playing it safe. Instead, they're doubling down on the bizarre and grandiose science-fiction fare that they're known for. Give Channing Tatum's wolf ears a chance.

2 The Last Five Years.

Feb. 19

While this musical starring Anna Kendrick and Jeremy Jordan isn't necessarily the best date movie — it chronicles a couple falling in and painfully out of love — it's definitely a better Valentine's Day choice than Fifty Shades of Gray.

3 Avengers: Age of Ultron.

May 1.

Let's face it, all these Marvel movies are cool and all — and 2014's two entries were very, very cool — but it's all fun and games until Joss Whedon returns to the scene with the studio's flagship. Bonus points for James Spader voicing an evil killer robot. Even if you're suffering from Superhero Movie Fatigue, at least make room for the cream of the crop.

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Chris Pratt stars in Jurassic World, opening next summer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 Jurassic World.

June 12.

This might be a terrible, terrible mistake, but we're willing to be cautiously optimistic. For now, at least. Director Colin Trevorrow's previous indie work gives us some hope, as does Chris Pratt on a motorcycle flanked by velociraptors. Come on, Pratt. Don't let us down.

5 Spectre. Nov. 6.

The closer we get to the end of the year, the less convincing we need to get excited for big releases. Case in point: The next James Bond film, with Skyfall director Sam Mendes sticking around for another go. They've barely been filming a month and it's due in theatres in November. You've got to at least admire the work ethic.

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LIFE 2015: SOCIAL ETIQUETTE

Time to ditch bad behaviours

Resolutions. Internet culture has permeated our habits and changed how we treat each other — and not in a good way



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Looking for a New Year's resolution? OK, probably not. But you may have spent 2014 participating in one (or, let's be honest, more) of these bad, or just sort-of-bad, behaviours. So here's what you might want to resolve to quit doing in 2015.

Public Transit

It's time for a definitive ruling on public-transit behaviour — especially mid-winter, when we're packed in more than usual. Can we finally agree that it's inappropriate to do any kind of grooming on transit?

The nail trimming obviously has to go (the fact that people do this at all will remain a mystery of my lifetime), but I'm also not thrilled to see hair being brushed or lips being glossed or, especially, perfume being applied.

Similarly, eating food — I'm talking takeout, sandwiches, anything with a scent and a personality — is giving your fellow passengers a sensory experience they didn't ask for.

Sneaking a quick face-check via iPhone camera before arriving at your destination, or having a few bites of a granola bar, is permissible, but if you're really givin' 'er, rethink it.



Documenting a concert on your phone is pointless, and it's rude to the performer and the rest of the audience. ISTOCK

'Compliments'

Street harassment was a hotter-than-usual topic in 2014, in part thanks to that viral video of a woman being catcalled as she walked around New York.

It probably came as a surprise to some people (men and women alike) that while just saying "hello" to someone on the street might be done with good intentions, it's not always taken that way (especially when it's the 10th thing a stranger has said to you that day).

It's easy to forget that everyone is having their own individual experience, and imposing ourselves on that experience through unwanted conversation is straight-up rude.

Let's resolve to pay attention to other people's signals, and not assume that everyone is up for a question, a compliment or even a "hi."

Posting

With so many news stories unfolding in real time and being posted on social media, there's a huge opportunity to do it wrong. Huge.

Before posting your opinion — especially if you know less about that issue than other people in your social networks — take a beat, and ask yourself if you really have anything to contribute.

If not, maybe do something else, something positive, with

the instinct to weigh in.

Of course, we're all entitled to post whatever we want on our own pages, but good etiquette involves always thinking about how we're creating and affecting other people's experiences.

Not adding something to an existing online cacophony is an easy, subtle way to be polite.

Phone Etiquette

In a movie theatre ...

My personal choice for No. 1 worst-ever phone-etiquette foul is using a phone, even just to look at it just for a second, in a movie theatre.

Here's the rule: It's just fine to text, check Twitter, what-

ever, during the previews, but that thing better be off — off — before the feature starts. The glow of the screen is super-obvious in a dark theatre, not just to people behind you, but to everyone on either side, all the way to the back. The only time it's OK to use your phone during a movie is if you're in the very back row, and no one else is. Got it? Good.

At a concert ...

It's become common practice in the age of smartphones, YouTube, Vine and Instagram to document the parts of life that weren't considered particularly notable even a decade ago, or the parts of life that are really better in the moment, like concerts or stand-up sets.

Taking one of a million grainy clips with terrible sound that end up on the Internet doesn't really have a purpose, anyway, and it's rude — to the performer, to the people you're with and to the rest of the audience — to ignore what's happening in real time.

On the street, or anywhere ...

Camera-phone culture means it's become common practice to take photos of other people, semi-randomly and without asking. Which is crazy!

Don't take a picture without first asking if it's cool, and don't post a picture of someone else on the Internet. That anyone would ever do this, without the other person's permission, is evidence of how much Internet culture has permeated our habits when it comes to how we treat each other.

When in doubt in 2015, think of what you might have done in 2005 — or 1995 — for guidance.

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Fermented friend

Kefir is the new Greek yogurt, for sure, but what else can you do (deliciously) to contribute to a healthy gut? Kimchi, sauerkraut and tempeh are all fermented foods that deliver other strains of probiotics and food to feed them with.



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The REAL deal

If Loblaws is doing it, you know it's a trend that's here to stay. Consumers are choosing foods that are good for their health — looks as though we are finally getting the message that what we do today affects our bodies and quality of life tomorrow. All President's Choice products are being (or have been) reformulated to remove artificial colours and flavours ... let the food improvement competition begin!

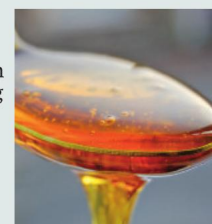


Alternative protein


Let's face it, some of us find the gluten-free trend unappealing. But our high-carb, low-protein diets are killing us. Now protein is finding its way into everything, and perhaps the most comforting trend comes in the form of fresh pasta that is low-cal, high-fibre and high-protein — it's sweeping us off our feet. Look for Skinny Pasta in the refrigerated section of your grocery store and never look back.

Rise of the humble sap

The whole world is hugging the maple tree as it turns its back on sugar. This sweetener is showing up in everything from yogurt to doughnuts, in spreads and coffees — meaning the humble sap is taking its place in the limelight. Wear a smudge of it on your cheek with pride.



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World juniors at home is the best gift of all

Five reasons why. This holiday season, watch the daring Danes, the frustrated Swedes and cheer on Canada's young guns



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With hanging wreaths and wrapping presents comes another important holiday tradition — world juniors.

Here are five reasons to watch the 2015 IIHF world junior championship, starting Boxing Day and concluding with medal games on Jan. 5:

5. Daring Denmark

Denmark may not be the top team at the rink, but will be interesting to watch. The country has earned its way back into the world's best junior tournament after winning gold in the 2014 IIHF U20 World Championship Division I Group. The daring Danes are serious about competing, and they used the World Junior A Challenge, held earlier this month in Kindersley, Sask., as a world juniors warm-up. It's a family affair for head coach Olaf Eller, whose son Mads plays forward for him, and won the 2014 Memorial Cup with the Edmonton Oil Kings.

4. NHL star power

Many junior-age NHL players jump at the chance to wear their country's colours on the



Team Canada players stretch at selection camp on Dec. 15 in St. Catharines, Ont. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ice, and Canadian Anthony Duclair is no exception. The New York Rangers have released him so he can re-join Team Canada at the world juniors. Players such as Jonathan Drouin of the Tampa Bay Lightning, Aaron Ekblad of the Florida Panthers and Nathan MacKinnon of the Colorado Avalanche are staying in the big leagues.

3. Swedish vengeance

Sweden is sick of silver. After losing to the U.S. in the 2013 final and falling 3-2 in overtime to rivals Finland in last year's championship game, nothing less than gold will do

for the frustrated-with-second-place Swedes. Perhaps more so for forward Jacob de la Rose and defenceman Robert Hägg, who represented their country at both of those world junior disappointments. They have a good chance of getting what they want. Both have also been improving in North America this season, de la Rose with the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs and Hägg with the AHL's Leigh Valley Phantoms.

2. Russian Wildcats

Forward duo Ivan Barbashev and Vladimir Tkachev aren't just teammates on their country's national junior team,

they're also former teammates on the Moncton Wildcats of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Yep, a couple of Russian kids have honed their skills together, in the middle of our Maritime provinces. Although Vladimir Tkachev was traded earlier this month to the Quebec Remparts, both like the QMJHL style of play and because of that experience, will be comfortable on the North American-sized ice surfaces in Toronto and Montreal. These two Q-league imports intend to improve on Russia's two straight bronze medals, and reclaim gold-medal bragging rights.

1. It's at home!

Hockey folks know that fans in the stands can become the all important "seventh player" on the ice for the home team, so Canada has a clear advantage this year, since the tournament is taking place in Montreal and Toronto. Whether you're watching on your tablet or television, or seeing it unfold live at Bell Centre or Air Canada Centre, game action will be impacted by an awesome atmosphere, and your cheers for the red and white could make a difference on the road to gold.

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you are nice to someone who does not deserve it today you will benefit in unexpected ways early in the new year. People in positions of authority will single you out for bigger things.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Try not to waste money on things you do not need. It may not bother you now but in a few weeks time you may regret having been so free and easy with your cash.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Keep personal info to yourself today. You may be tempted to bare your soul and let a certain person in but the planets warn that is not a good idea.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It may be obvious that a loved one is keeping something from you but there is a good reason. This is one of those occasions when it really is better that you don't know what is going on.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If someone in a position of authority wants you to do something for them today then most likely you will have no choice in the matter. Make it the best thing you've ever done.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There is something you want to do with your life but it means giving up so much of what you already know. Is it worth it?

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you try to help someone out but they reject your offer, don't take it personally. Most likely they are under such pressure that they can't think straight.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

According to the planets, a loved one is getting emotional for no good reason and it is up to you to calm them down and help them see sense again.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There is no such thing as a sure thing. Keep that in mind today — you won't go wrong. Certainly not as wrong as some of your friends, who seem to think they can do as they please.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You should be doing more with your talents. You have what it takes to make a mark on the world, so step into the light. Do something out of the ordinary.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You like to be controversial but watch out you don't push it a little too far today and annoy someone you should try to stay on good terms with.

♓ Pisces

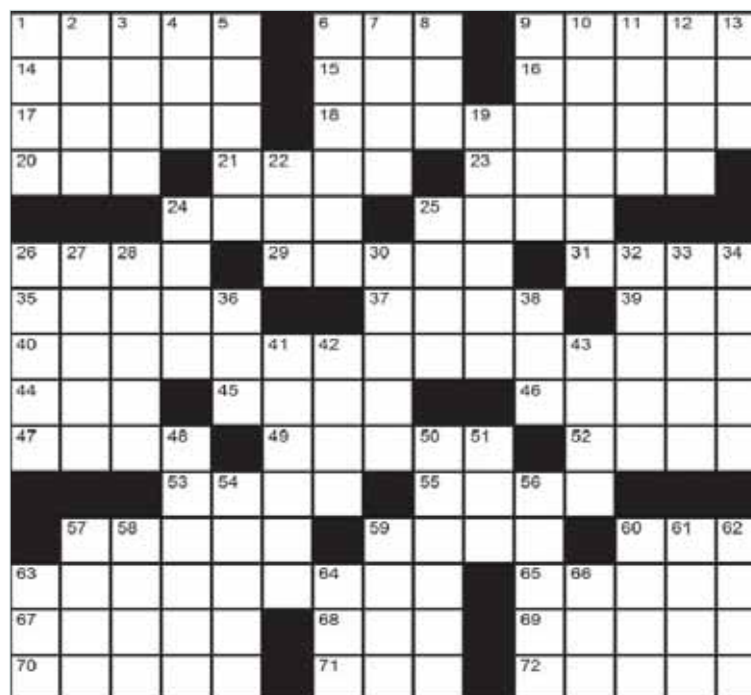
Feb. 20 - March 20

Neptune in your birth sign means you are at your best when you let the caring side of your nature come to the fore. Don't worry that some might take advantage of you — that's a problem for their conscience.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. December 26th: They draw customers to stores
6. 4 qts.
9. Comedian Drew
14. Hero of Upper Canada, Sir ___ Brock (b.1769 - d.1812)
15. 'Select' suffix
16. Jane Eyre was her governess
17. Laboratory dish
18. Bargains: 2 wds.
20. Freelancer's encl.
21. Move like a river
23. Pup's protests!
24. Soap brand
25. ___-aging cream
26. The ___ (Nick-name of Montreal's 1976 Summer Olympics stadium)
29. Type of snake
31. Charity contributions
35. Hasn't ___ (Doesn't realize)
37. Supplier for Wile E. Coyote
39. Nodful word
40. Boxing Day, to many: 2 wds.
44. Belonging to Sioux City's li'l state
45. Nylons nick
46. Lifetime series, "Devious ___"
47. US crash-investigating agcy.
49. Washer and ___
52. Sailboat part
53. Larger-than-life



55. Coat, as with plaster
57. Scottish comedian Mr. Ferguson
59. Adhere
60. Barenaked Ladies song: "Be My Yoko ___"
63. Place to eat at the mall: 2 wds.
65. Lifeboat lowering crane

67. Sidewalk artist's tool
68. City of Brazil, with Paulo
69. Decree
70. Canadian rock band, ___ Hatch
71. Always, fancy-style
72. Beverly Hills' ___ Drive

Down

1. Has the beverage bit-by-bit
2. "...or to take arms against ___ of troubles..." - Hamlet
3. Behind
4. Head hearer
5. Movie genre
6. Richard Gere flick, "American ___" (1980)
7. Profess
8. The Lion
9. Military trainee
10. George Clooney's sister
11. Gather
12. Building extensions
13. Nod's meaning
19. Go-getter
22. Quebec locale, ___-Beauport
24. Fasten, as shoe-

- laces: 2 wds.
25. Shoe prop, ___ support
26. Drainage ___
27. Apple instant messaging application
28. Makeup kit item
30. Like oversized clothing
32. Actress Ms. Cornell
33. Honey drinks
34. Speak, archaically
36. Mini-albums, commonly
38. Street for Freddy
41. Canadian bookstore
42. Drug deal buster, commonly
43. Poetic foot
48. Mr. Bumble's gig in Oliver Twist
50. Newspaper VIP
51. Sprinted
54. Fussy
56. Bovid bag
57. Small salmon
58. Horse hue
59. Highlands hillside
60. Roman love poet
61. Pleasant
62. "The Simpsons" bus driver
63. US broadcasting regulator
64. "What's the ___?" (Why bother)
66. Commotion

Dec. 24's Crossword



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